

HOUSE No. 3369

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

James T. Welch

To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts in General Court assembled:

The undersigned legislators and/or citizens respectfully petition for the passage of the accompanying bill:

An Act establishing the "Don't Text and Drive" fund.

PETITION OF:

NAME:

James T. Welch

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

6th Hampden

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year Two Thousand and Nine

AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE "DON'T TEXT AND DRIVE" FUND.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

1 Chapter 29 of the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting after section 2XXX the following
2 section.

3 SECTION YYY. There shall be established and set up on the books of the commonwealth a separate
4 fund to be known as the “Don’t Text and Drive” fund. The purpose of the fund shall be to establish a
5 public awareness campaign to alert citizens of the commonwealth of the dangers of text messaging while
6 operating a vehicle. Such fund will be credited with revenues voluntarily contributed thereto from any
7 telecommunications company doing business in the commonwealth that has business interest in the use of
8 cellular phones. The Executive Office of Public Safety shall notify such corporations of the existence of
9 the fund. The Executive Office of Public Safety shall oversee such fund the “Don’t Text and Drive”
10 campaign.